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POTATO ASSOCIATIONS FORMED BY COUNTY AGRICULTURISTS

Ten of the County Agricultural Agents of Michigan have formed County Potato Associations in their counties. These organizations are for the purpose of getting the united action of the farmers of the County upon the more important problems of the growing and marketing of potatoes. Among the potato growing states Michigan ranks second, but the future of the industry will depend largely upon the associated efforts of our potato growers. The profits of this crop now depend largely upon cooperation. In these counties where associations have been formed the farmers agree to produce only pure varieties of the type that is in greatest demand by our best markets. These potatoes are then inspected at various times throughout the season for the purpose of keeping the varieties pure and also for the purpose of keeping them free from the more serious potato diseases. There is a rapidly-growing demand for disease free potatoes for seed. In addition to this there is a great need for our potato growers to act together for the prevention of the spread of potato diseases. These diseases may be spread by shipment of seed from other states or by use of diseased seed grown in this State or within the County. If we are to stay in the potato business we must keep out the diseases that are destroying the industry in other places. By concerted action in getting pure varieties and keeping them free from disease the growers are in position not only to get good yields but also to sell in the best markets. The best markets want medium size potatoes of a certain type and color. If the growers act together they can supply these markets in car load lots and in addition to this they will be in position to enter the best seed markets of the South and other portions of the country wanting Michigan potatoes for seed.

ENCOURAGING BIRD LIFE

By Observer

One of the most worthy movements in the United States today is that one tending to promote an awakening among children of the beauty and preservation of bird and other wild life. In a neighboring city an enterprising business firm recently conducting a contest for boys in which cash prizes were awarded for the building of bird houses. Even the promoters were surprised at the number of boys entering the contest, and, every visitor to the place when the contest was ended was more than surprised at the workmanship resulting from the boys' efforts. The promoters, after the contest had closed and the prizes were awarded, offered the houses for sale and netted a sum equal or greater than the aggregate sum offered as prizes. Needless to say, that city will this summer have hundreds of well built and ornamental bird houses that it never would have had only for the contest put on by that one enterprising business firm. Any boy can build a bird house, and every yard in our city should have one or more of them. Watering places, too can be provided, and when these simple inducements are offered, the birds will come. Some of us think we do not care whether there is a bird in the city, but if we had none, we should miss them just as we miss many things when they are gone and cannot be recalled.

This Week as it is Not in History

Monday, May 15.—Booth and Barrett play Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1950.
Tuesday, May 16.—Ty Cobb paints the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, 1714.
Wednesday, May 17.—The Empress Josephine decides to go to Newport for the summer, 1813.
Thursday, May 18.—The first aviator alights on the head of the Sphinx, 1699.
Friday, May 19.—Cycle cars are introduced into Persia by Ameer I Koul I, 1510.
Saturday, May 20.—Patagonia women appear at the opera clad only in girdles of shark's teeth, 1915.
Sunday, May 21.—Julius Caesar has Theodore Roosevelt as a week end guest, 1500.

Postoffice clerk in country office in west of Ireland—Here, your letter is overweight.
Pat—Over what weight?
Clerk—It's to heavy; you'll have to put another stamp on it.
Pa—Yerra, get out wud your fooling. Shure, if I put another stamp on it, won't it be heavier still?

Commission Proceedings.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms, Monday evening, May 15, 1916. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—None.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
On motion by Gidley, the following bills were allowed:
Enterprise Pub. Co., printing, \$ 16.90
H. L. Winters, correcting descriptions, 16.25
City Treasurer, payment of labor, 41.40
A petition, signed by Ira D. Bartlett and ten other citizens and tax-payers, and asking that the city appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for organized playground work, was presented, and on motion by Gidley, was laid on the table for further consideration.
On motion by Lancaster, meeting was adjourned to meet Friday evening, May 19, 1916.

OTIS J. SMITH,
City Clerk.

ELBERT BEDE SAYS

We trust that this return of prosperity is not "psychological" also.
A bonny girl becomes merely a slender one when you are in love with her.
Sometimes the more indifferent you appear the more you are likely to hear.
It must grate on England to have to measure its money by the standard of its erstwhile colony.
When a woman meets the postman with a smile and doesn't get a letter, she thinks he is extremely unappreciative.
Sometimes it happens that members of one party are more seriously interested in the nominee of the opposing party than in the nominee of their own.
Your morals may have little effect upon your success in life so long as you are not found out; but the immoral can not long keep it to themselves.
When a man or a woman is naturally of a somewhat mildly hilarious disposition, it annoys them when they are acting dignified to be asked if they are sick or something is the matter.
When night after night, week after week and month after month, the wife who has been married a dozen years, tries to be neat and attractive for hubby when he comes home, you may put it down as a real love match.
Among the undesirable aliens are those blue-blooded fellows who come here with no intentions of becoming citizens and spoil our sweet American girls by taking them away to wear European titles, when they would look much prettier in a mother Hubbard keeping house for some red-blooded American.

W. C. T. U. Program.

Program for W. C. T. U. to be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Burdick, Friday May 19th.
Leaders—Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Henry Sheldon.
Song—Michigan My Michigan
Devotionals—Led by Mrs. Henry Sheldon.
Song—Michigan Campaign Rally Song
Roll Call—Answered by Current Events.
Reading of Minutes.
Business.
Topic for Program—Suffrage.
Reading—The Safe and Sane Way—Mrs. Brintnall.
Instrumental music—Miss Lorraine and Miss Hall.
Reading—Suffrage Success—Mrs. Robertson.
Solo—Shadow Land—Miss Una Ruth Burdick.

Learn a Little Every Day.

There are over 2,000,000 automobiles used in this country.
The telephone service of this country represents a valuation of \$350,000,000.
The birth rate in this, and all civilized countries, is being steadily lowered each year.
Use a paint brush for removing dust from furniture, there is no service too small for it to enter.
In Los Angeles, every house, hotel and apartment building must bear a tag with the owner's name.
Gas engines taken into the mountains lose one per cent of their horsepower, for every thousand feet elevation.
Nature cannot jump from winter to summer without a spring, nor from summer to winter without a fall.
When a young man tells a leap-year girl that he dreamed of her the night before it is up to her to propose or get out of the game.

National Defense and International Peace

Are You Ready to Play Your Part?

THE power of a nation in time of need is the producing power of her industries.
America must find out what this producing power is and then develop it. The capacity of every plant must be gauged. The ability of every man must be known. For War is Mechanical. It is Electrical. It is Chemical. It is Mining. Manufacturing. Transportation. It is EVERY phase of Engineering fused into a single industry—
"THE NATION'S DEFENSE."
Thirty thousand Engineers today are serving YOUR COUNTRY without pay. They are making a survey of YOUR COUNTRY'S Industrial Resources. They are helping YOUR COUNTRY to FIND ITSELF—and You! They are charting the channels of commerce. Sounding each source of supply. So that, should the Day break when War must come—YOUR ARMIES in the field will be but the crest of a Wave of Industry, as wide as the American Continent and as deep as the American Soul.
That YOUR COUNTRY may know what the Engineers are doing, the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World have pledged their services to the President of the United States. And this advertisement, published free by this paper, is part of a nation-wide series to secure YOUR co-operation with the Engineers.
"WHAT CAN I DO?"
This is, doubtless, the question you are asking yourself. Here is the answer: If you are a manufacturer co-operate fully with the Engineers so they can do their job quickly and efficiently; if you are a working man help your employer to help the Engineers and be prepared, if so needed, to be a Soldier in Industry, behind the firing line, which is just as important as being a soldier on the firing line; if you are a business man or a professional man, or whoever you are, help mobilize "GOOD WILL" behind this patriotic task of the Engineers in behalf of National Defense and International Peace.
COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS OF THE NAVAL CONSULTING BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES
In co-operation with:
The American Society of Civil Engineers The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
The American Institute of Mining Engineers The American Institute of Electrical Engineers
Engineering Societies Building 29 West 39th Street, New York

ALONG THE FIRING LINE

Don't get an idea that German industries are at a standstill because of the devastations of war. One of the largest cotton-spinning mills of Bavaria, the Kulmbacher Spinnerie, declared a dividend for 1915 of 12½ per cent, compared with 10 per cent in 1914. A porcelain factory of Ober Franken recently handed out a 10 per cent dividend for the year, after laying aside a large amount for reserves. The industrial fabric of Germany is better than ever. The efficiency which has been characteristic of the Germans has been raised to the 9th power during this war, and when it is over there will be a great horde of men willing to go into the mills at any wage. Then is the time that this country will need a protective tariff instead of the present near-free-trade abomination.

During his imperial reign as Comptroller of the Currency, John Skelton Williams has taken delight in devising new sets of questions for the national banks to answer. It is said that no two of his calls have included exactly the same inquiries. As a result, the banks have been compelled to keep their clerks working overtime—often late into the night, to compile the desired information. Now Williams has insolence to suggest to the bankers in a fatherly way, that they should give their clerks a long vacation in order that ample opportunity may be had to check the books and accounts of the clerks and detect irregularities. Strange how this country ever managed to build up a magnificent system of banks without Williams assistance.

President Wilson's claim that "we," meaning the Democratic Party, have given the country its present prosperity, is contradicted by the speech of Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, at Buenos Ayres, in which Warburg shows that the remarkable transformation in business conditions has been brought about "since the war began". In trying to explain why American capital has not been turning to South America, Mr. Warburg said that we have been too busy with the tremendous war orders, but he ventured the prediction that in the near future American business men will be giving considerable attention to South America. When the Democratic spell-binder tries to take credit to his party for such prosperity as we are now enjoying, don't overlook this speech of Warburg's.

How wonderfully quiet the Democrats are keeping over their repeal of the free sugar clause. Why don't they point to it as one of the great accomplishments of the administration? Or are they afraid to acknowledge the concession to Republican statesmanship?

Sohn Skelton Williams telling the bankers of the country how to run their business is on a par with a city-bred

youth trying to tell an experienced and successful farmer how to run his farm.

It has been about a month since President Wilson went to the Capitol to tell Congress what he had written in his latest note to Germany, and still the note writing goes on.

The speech of Senator Reed of Missouri, defending the Democratic assault on the Civil Service, won't help him any in his campaign for re-election.

Secretary J. B. Reynolds, of the Republican National Committee, says that the Democrats need an explanation clerk. Yes, several thousand of them.

Chile has revised her customs tariff. Chile is on a protective basis. We'll be with you, Chile, in about a year, with revision and protection.

President Wilson confessed he is not a business man. No, and if he got into business and tried to run his private business the way he runs the public business, he wouldn't be a business man very long.

We can still remember the Maine but have forgotten the Lusitania.

1916 Daffydils

If I were selecting a name for a boy who loved to stay in the woods, I would pick Nick.

Even when he is in the prime of life a young man's arm is likely to go to waist.

No matter how honest a picture molding may seem, it will be framing up something soon.

When Eve made her costume of leaves, did she keep it in a tree trunk? While it is waiting for the rest of the piano to be built, where does the key board?

Old Jokes Re-Twisted

"Was Nero as black as he is painted?"
"Sure. Didn't he add insult to injury by torturing the Romans with his rotten violin playing, after setting their beautiful city on fire?"

Crippled Mother Goose Rhymes

Little Tommy Tucker,
Sings for his supper;
What shall he eat?
White bread and butter,
How shall he cut it
Without any knife?
Well Thomas, in these days of high cost of food stuff, you are lucky to have bread and butter, without worrying about a knife.

Father, teaching his six-year-old son arithmetic by giving a problem to his wife, begs his son to listen:
Father—"Mother, if you had a dollar and I gave you five more, what would you have?"
Mother—(replying absently)—"Hysterics."

STATE MAN HERE FIFTEEN SCHOOLS VISITED

A number of school boards were planning on remodeling their schools and wondered how they could do this so as to get the best results and give the best service to their districts. A few wondered what they would have to do to make their schools "Standard." For this reason they asked that an inspector from the state department come out to look their building over and tell them what the requirements would be. This does not bind them in any way whatever and does not cost the district a cent. It does give them an opportunity to see what is being done in other counties of the state and in other districts of this county.

In response to their invitations Mr. W. L. Coffey of Lansing was to arrive in Charlevoix on the morning of Monday, May 8th. Due to a misunderstanding of the schedule he was late, but Mr. Munson, Deputy State Superintendent, happened to be in town on other official business and kindly consented to work in the country until Mr. Coffey should arrive. In the morning trip out from Charlevoix, Mr. Munson visited the Hilton and the Johnson schools. Both school houses could easily be made "Standard" and by a little pushing and some extra live wire enthusiasm could be made into model school rooms like the ones described by the land commissioners in the vicinity of some of our larger cities. In each case a type-written report of the visit and of recommended changes will be sent from Lansing to the school board issuing the invitation.

Directly after dinner Mr. Coffey was on hand to take up the work and the commissioner took him first to Phelps. The school board was already at the school house to give him a hearty welcome. They were quite relieved to find that they would have very few necessary changes in working for a "Standard" plate. They needed a little more light and would need the seats set a little closer together. The seats were a good kind and splendidly arranged. The school board spoke of one or two possible improvements to relieve the congested condition due to their very large enrollment. Mr. Coffey explained that the "Standard" school requirements were only such as every school ought to have anyhow only that the state department were offering these plates as an inducement to districts to fix up a little.

He reached Rock Elm at 3 o'clock and found a live wire delegation awaiting him. Rock Elm has already made a number of improvements and is still improving. These people can ask more questions in ten minutes than any cross examiner, would ask of his victim. It's all right tho, they are thinking. What they do they not only want to do right but they want to know why they do it. They were advised to place a bank of windows on the northeast, leaving only one of the old windows on the southwest. Then in order to relieve the barrenness of the side facing the road they should place near the ceiling oblong windows with frosted panes.

After a hearty and enjoyable feed at the Second home, a fifth school was visited for a protracted evening session. The Walker school board had called a special meeting for the occasion to put the project before their electors. They needed to remedy the narrowness of their building and the congested condition of the air due to the small air space and large enrollment. The pupils had prepared some musical numbers for the occasion. Those boys and girls can really sing. By the way they can yell too. We knew that when "Eveline No. 5 rang thru the air. The commissioner spoke on "Standard" schools in general and explained that each school district would have to decide for itself whether or not it chose to be standard but that care in details often determined the prevention of much illness. Mr. Coffey told of some of his own experiences as a commissioner, of the value of a good school library and proved the evil effect of cross light in the school room. The electors requested the school board to have a correct estimate made of all needed improvements and the cost of the ten foot addition in question. They adjourned for two weeks to give time for this work. The good mothers of the districts had surmised that the crowd might be hungry and served sandwiches, coffee and cake to meet the requirements of a standard appetite.

Tuesday was a banner day. Six schools were visited, the first at 7:30 a. m. and the sixth at 5:00 p. m. Supt. Craig of Charlevoix attended the commissioner and inspector in these visits

lending his weight to the nation-wide movement meeting the school boards and learning their problems. The schools in the order visited were Iron-ton, Star, Tainter, Wildwood Bay Shore and Undine. In every case the inspector was on time or a little ahead of his prearranged schedule and the school board was out in full force at the school house. He found every building a different problem but all are working for the same goal. In all cases for a Standard school the windows would have to be rearranged and in some cases the ventilation had to be corrected or supplied. Two schools had their seats arranged in rows of one size but all would need to place the seat nearer the desk belonging to it. In these cases the department furnishes a seating schedule. In most cases there would be out little expense necessary in meeting the suggestions of the department but it was the interest shown by the school officers that pleased Mr. Coffey. He complimented our northern country on its interest in its schools as contrasted with some of the older and more thickly settled regions.

Wednesday was a rainy stormy day; the kind that needs every bit of philosophy one has gleaned from the poets, and even then that gray, muggy sky would have an evil effect. Supt. McIntosh of Boyne City became a passenger for both pleasure and profit but there is no record of his having complained of the weather. Seventy miles were covered, thirty-five with a team and thirty-five by Ford. The problems were met and handled; duplicate reports of the inspection will be returned to the districts visited. The Blain school out from Clarion was visited first, then the Mackie school near Springvale, the Paddock school near Boyne Falls, and the three room school in the village of Boyne Falls. The Ford then sped along thru East Jordan to Charlevoix and left its occupants to take the boat to St. James the next morning. Here the angry waves of Lake Michigan interfered; the boat didn't go.

Mr. Coffey was one of the first careful students of lighting conditions in rural schools. As a commissioner in Cheboygan county he had the eyes of every student carefully tested by the teacher in charge. He found that 51 to 68 of the children were suffering from defective vision. In only one school was the percentage less than 50 per cent. This was in a "Standard" school which had been "Standard" for ten years, had one side lighting with walls of buff and cream tinting. In this school only two children had weak eyes and these two children came from a family in which the eyesight was poor thruout. These statistics which he had gathered from his own schools he later used in a paper which he prepared for the National Educational meeting in Buffalo, and which attracted nation-wide attention to the poor lighting conditions of the built by guess school buildings.

We can't get a state man here very often nor for very long at a time but when we can it pays. As soon as we can work up to it once more we shall try to have Charlevoix again included in the state schedule. The whole thing is just for our boys and girls, the future of to-morrow.

County Normal Notes.

(Florence Maddaugh)

Miss Carrie Geiken gave the class an interesting talk last Tuesday about her work as a trained nurse and what a nurse has to do when she goes into training.

Florence Maddaugh was out of school Wednesday on account of illness.

On Monday evening the normal class enjoyed a trip to the Walker school. County School Com'r Stewart and State Inspector Coffey had charge of the meeting which was for the purpose of discussing the changes which would have to be made before the school would be declared "Standard." Delicious refreshments were served by the school children under the direction of their teacher, Miss Grace Meggison, and an excellent program was given which consisted of songs, speeches and yells.

The teachers practicing in the training room are: Rena Carroll and Catherine LaLonde who have charge of third grade language, Sadie Donleoy who is teaching the chart class, and Mary Boice who has sixth grade history.

About the only difference between repartee and impudence is in the size of the man who says it.

After a man gets about so full he can make himself believe that other men think he is perfectly sober.